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## MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 28, 1843. The President in the chair.  
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Horatio G. Somerby, Esq., Mr. Melvin Lord, Hon. Levi Woodbury, Mr. Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., Mr. Stevens, of Vermont, and Mr. Samuel Breck, of Philadelphia.

The Standing Committee nominated Mr. Peabody as Chairman of the Committee to prepare the index to the third series of our Collections. Whereupon,

*Voted*, To confirm this nomination.

Mr. PEABODY signified his acceptance thereof.

Peleg W. Chandler, Esq., was nominated by the Standing Committee as a Resident Member, *vice* Samuel P. Gardner, deceased.\*

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Codman, Ellis, Felt, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Lowell, Peabody, Pierce, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

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MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1844.

Thursday, Jan. 25, 1844. The President in the chair.  
The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Hon.

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\* Mr. S. P. Gardner, elected in August, 1824, died Dec. 18, 1843. See note on p. 264. — EDS.

Robert C. Winthrop, Hon. John C. Gray, Mr. Francis Bowen, and Rev. Dr. Francis.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from Hon. William Minot.

The President communicated a letter of resignation of membership from Alonzo Lewis, Esq.

On motion of Rev. Dr. LOWELL,

*Voted*, That Messrs. J. Davis, Lowell, and Young be a committee to consider whether any further measures can be adopted to render the meetings of this Society more interesting and useful.

Also, *voted*, That the President be added to the Committee.

PELEG W. CHANDLER was chosen Resident Member, *vice* Samuel P. Gardner, Esq., deceased.

The Standing Committee nominated Rev. George W. Blagden for Resident Member, *vice* Alonzo Lewis, Esq., resigned.

*Voted*, That Hon. John C. Gray be requested to prepare a memoir of the late Samuel P. Gardner, Esq.,\* and Joseph Willard, Esq., to prepare a memoir of the late William Lincoln, Esq.†

Present — The President, Bartlett, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, Lowell, Minot, Peabody, Pierce, Quincy, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young.

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\* Mr. Gray having been excused from the preparation of this memoir, a notice of Mr. Gardner has been prepared by Mr. R. C. Winthrop, Jr., and will be found in this volume, on pp. 282, 283. — Eds.

† See *ante*, p. 261, note. — Eds.

## MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 29, 1844. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Robert C. Winthrop, Nathaniel Willis, William H. Prescott, Rev. Daniel Sharp, Rev. Chandler Robbins, Messrs. Appleton, of New York, William Brigham, Dr. Jarvis, Richard Almack, Esq., and a copy of the "Savannah Daily Republican," of Feb. 13, 1844, containing an account of the fifth anniversary of the Georgia Historical Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance from Peleg W. Chandler, Esq.

The President, from the Committee appointed to consider whether any further measures can be adopted to render the meetings of this Society more interesting and useful, made a report; and, after some discussion,

On motion of Judge DAVIS,

*Voted*, That the further consideration of the subject be postponed to the next meeting; and that, meantime, the Recording Secretary cause the report to be printed and sent to the members of the Society, in order that they may then be prepared to act thereupon.\*

On motion of Mr. BANCROFT,

*Voted*, That the Society gratefully accept as a donation from Benjamin Franklin French, Esq., of New Orleans, "Darby's Geographical Description of the State of Louisiana, the southern part of the State of Mississippi, and Territory of Alabama," accompanied with a

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\* This report was accordingly printed on a letter sheet, a copy of which is on file. — Eds.

large map of the city of New Orleans; and that they present their thanks to Mr. French for his valuable donation.

The President presented from Mr. Joshua Coffin a letter, without subscription, directed to the first Judge Sewall, relating to Dr. Cotton Mather, and the same was referred to the President to report thereupon.

Rev. GEORGE W. BLAGDEN was chosen Resident Member, *vice* Alonzo Lewis, Esq., resigned, — Messrs. F. C. GRAY and LUNT, Scrutinizing Committee.

Present — The President, Bancroft, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Lowell, Lunt, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

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#### MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 28, 1844. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Edward Jarvis, Rev. Baron Stow, Hon. Joseph R. Ingersoll, the Legislature of Massachusetts, Hon. Josiah Adams, J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., and Hon. James Savage.

A communication having been received from the National Institute at the city of Washington, inviting the Massachusetts Historical Society to attend at the first annual meeting of the Institute, to be held at the city of Washington, on the first Monday of April next, it was

*Voted*, that Hon. John Q. Adams, Hon. Rufus Choate, and Hon. Robert C. Winthrop be requested to attend at the meeting in behalf of the Society.

The President communicated from Richard Almack, Esq., a donation of a copy of the names of the New Jersey Company, 1693 ; also, a copy of William Penn's Charter of Liberties for Pennsylvania, with *fac-similes* of his name and the several witnesses, 1682.\*

The report of the Committee on the subject of considering whether any further measures can be adopted to render our meetings more useful, which report was at the last meeting postponed to the present meeting, was, on motion, further postponed to the April meeting ; and, meanwhile, was ordered to be recommitted to the same Committee.

Messrs. F. C. GRAY and PEABODY were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts for the year ending April, 1844.

The President communicated from Dr. Lowell a suggestion as to the expediency of celebrating the termination of the first half-century of the incorporation of the Society. Whereupon,

*Voted*, To refer the subject to Messrs. Davis, Lowell, and Palfrey, to report at the next meeting.

Judge Davis having been excused at his own request, the President was appointed in his place.

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\* This charter is dated April 25, 1682, and is printed in Proud's History of Pennsylvania, Vol. II., Appendix, pp. 8-15, but without the attesting witnesses. This transcript was made by Mr. Almack, from the original document belonging then to "William Dalton, Esq., Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk." Subsequently Mr. Almack himself became the owner of the interesting parchment, and he took pleasure in showing it to the writer, as such, at his house at Long Melford, co. Suffolk, England, in the autumn of 1866. — Eds.

Present — The President, J. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Lamson, Mitchell, Palfrey, Peabody, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

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ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1844.

Thursday, April 25, 1844. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the President, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Major J. D. Graham, Messrs. T. R. Marvin, Richard Almack, and Francis Bowen.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from the Maryland Historical Society, announcing their establishment as a society, and proposing an exchange of the publications of the respective Societies. Whereupon,

*Voted*, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to answer the letter, and that this Society will agree to the proposed exchange, beginning with the next volume of the Collections.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter of acceptance of membership from Rev. George W. Blagden, elected at the last March meeting.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz.: —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, Nahum Mitchell, for the past year, having this day performed that service, report that the accounts are well

kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears to be a balance due to the Society of three hundred and six dollars and sixty-four cents.\*

F. C. GRAY,  
O. W. B. PEABODY, } *Committee.*

Boston, April 25, 1844.

Mr. SAVAGE, from the Committee on the subject of rendering the meetings more interesting, reported the Rules as taken into a new draft, which, being read and considered, were adopted, and are as follows, viz. : —

1. At each meeting the reading of the record of the prior meeting, if a quorum be present, shall begin in five minutes after the time mentioned in the notification.

2. Immediately after the reading of the record and the Librarian's statement, and the transaction of the ordinary business, any member may propose, in writing, any question, or offer any suggestion pertinent to the history of the country, or any part of it, from its discovery, or having relation to the objects of the Society; and the Recording Secretary shall make record of such question, on which any member may make remarks, or answer in part or in full, at the same or any subsequent meeting.

3. After such communications, if the time of the meeting shall permit, the Society will willingly receive any books or manuscripts which members may offer for inspection, or as donations to the Society, with any accompanying explanations or remarks, with leave to read the whole or any part of said manuscripts, as may be required; but, as there may not be

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\* The receipts amounted to \$385.69, and included \$232 for the fifth note on account of Franklin Place estate; \$25.96, balance of lecture money; \$10.73 for sales of publications; and \$117 for admission fees and assessments. The payments amounted to \$189. Of this sum \$41.85 were for taxes; \$48.74 to Freeman and Bolles for printing; \$65.14 for opening the rooms for thirty-two weeks and four days; and \$33.27 for miscellaneous expenses. — Eds.



time for discussion, it will be expected that the information and questions in both these rules referred to be given in writing, on letter paper, and not less than a half-sheet, to be delivered to the Recording Secretary, by him to be preserved, regularly filed, indorsed, and produced at each subsequent meeting, together with any remarks thereon, or replies, which may be offered by other members. Such communications may be withdrawn by their respective writers in six months from their several dates.

For the convenient and orderly accomplishment of what is herein provided, the Society shall be arranged in three divisions: No. 1, containing the names beginning with letters A to F inclusive; No. 2, from letters G to P inclusive; and No. 3, from Q to the end of the alphabet, — and the Recording Secretary shall, at the time assigned, announce to one of the several sections, in their numerical order, the readiness of the Society to receive, at the next following meeting, communications from their respective members.\*

The Publishing Committee were directed to cause a second edition of Vol. I., third series, of the Society's Collections to be printed.

Messrs. F. C. GRAY, C. F. ADAMS, and FELT were appointed a committee to consider the subject of extending the accommodations for the Library, and to report a plan.

The President communicated a letter in behalf of Ichabod Tucker, Esq., of Salem, resigning his place as a member of the Society.

The Standing Committee nominated Rev. Lucius R. Paige, of Cambridge, for Resident Member, *vice* Ichabod Tucker, Esq., resigned.

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\* These Rules, in a modified form, were incorporated into the code of By-Laws adopted at the February meeting, 1853. — Eds.

Judge Davis nominated J. D. Graham, Major, United States Army, Corps of Engineers, for Honorary Member.

The meeting then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, — Messrs. C. F. ADAMS and HILLARD, Scrutinizing Committee, who reported the following gentlemen to be duly elected, viz. : —

JAMES SAVAGE . . . . .	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD . . . . .	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL . . . . .	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
NAHUM MITCHELL . . . . .	TREASURER.
JOSEPH B. FELT . . . . .	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS . . . . .	CABINET-KEEPER.
FRANCIS C. GRAY	} . . . . . STANDING COMMITTEE.
CONVERS FRANCIS	
ALEXANDER YOUNG	
GEORGE TICKNOR	
JOSEPH WILLARD	

MESSRS. SPARKS, F. C. GRAY, and C. F. ADAMS were appointed a committee to consider and report upon the communication made by Mr. Sparks through Mr. Gray, of the expediency of obtaining copies from the French archives relative to the designs of the French Government upon the New England Colonies.

*Voted*, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Major J. D. Graham, United States Army, Corps of Engineers, for his acceptable donation of charts, made at the present meeting of the Society.

The Committee on the subject of a half-century celebration not being ready to report, the matter was postponed to the May meeting.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Blagden, Chandler, J. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, F. C. Gray,

Hillard, Hoar, Lowell, Mitchell, Peabody, Pierce, Ripley, Ticknor, White, and Willard.

JOSEPH WILLARD,  
*Recording Secretary.*

[Five Resident Members died since the last annual meeting; viz., the Rev. F. W. P. Greenwood, D.D., the Rev. Jonathan Homer, D.D., the Rev. Henry Ware, Jr., D.D., William Lincoln, Esq., and S. P. Gardner, Esq. Of these, a memoir of Mr. Lincoln only has appeared in the Society's volumes. Memoirs of the others here follow. — EDS.]

*Notice of Rev. F. W. P. Greenwood, D.D.*

Francis William Pitt Greenwood was the oldest son of Dr. William Pitt and Mary (Langdon) Greenwood, and was born in Boston Feb. 5, 1797. After enjoying the best advantages for preparatory study which his native town then afforded, he entered Harvard College in 1810, and was graduated with a respectable rank in 1814. Among his classmates were the historian Prescott, President Walker, and the Rev. Dr. Alvan Lamson. Immediately on the completion of his undergraduate course, he began the study of theology at Cambridge under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Henry Ware, Hollis Professor of Divinity. Before he was twenty-one, he was invited to preach in the Boston pulpits; and it is said by more than one of his contemporaries that his earliest sermons made a very deep and unusual impression. To understand all that is implied in this praise, it should be remembered that Buckminster had been dead only five years, and that Channing was in the full vigor of his powers, when Greenwood first entered the pulpit.

On the death of Rev. Samuel C. Thacher, he was invited to become the successor of that brilliant and promising young man as minister of the New South Church, and he was ordained in October, 1818. He entered at once on his congenial labors, and every indication pointed to a successful ministry. But in little more than a year his health failed, and an attack of bleeding from the lungs showed only too clearly the nature of the danger to be apprehended. His friends and physicians advised him to try a voyage to Europe; and he accordingly spent the winter of 1820-21 in the south of England, as he was too weak to go to Italy. While abroad, he had other attacks of hemorrhage, and feeling that his usefulness was ended he wrote home resigning his pastoral office. His resignation was accepted, and the connection from which much had been hoped was dissolved in June, 1821.

In the following autumn he returned to the United States; and the greater part of the next two or three years was spent in Baltimore, in the hope that his health might be benefited by a prolonged residence in a mild climate. While there he preached occasionally, and with much acceptance, in the pulpit of the Unitarian Society then under the pastoral care of the Rev. Jared Sparks, afterward President of Harvard College. In May, 1824, he was married to Maria, youngest daughter of Dr. Lyde Goodwin, of Baltimore; and having decided to return to Boston, he was installed as junior minister of King's Chapel in the following August. At that time the society was small, but such were the reputation and popularity of the new minister that all the vacant pews were soon taken, and the whole period of his ministry was marked by unbroken harmony in the parish. At the beginning of 1827, the Rev. Dr. Freeman, who had had the sole or principal charge of the parish for upward of forty years, was compelled by the infirmities of age to retire from active labors, and the whole duty of supplying the pulpit services devolved on Mr. Greenwood. For the next fifteen years he was vir-

tually the sole minister, discharging the various and exacting duties of his position with signal ability and success, beside taking an active part in many other fields of labor and usefulness.

In April, 1825, he was elected a member of the Historical Society; and to the fifth volume of the third series of Collections he contributed a memoir of the Rev. Dr. Freeman, one of the original members of the Society. In 1826, he preached the Artillery Election Sermon, taking as his subject the "Character of the Puritans"; and the next year he prepared and published a new edition of the "Chapel Liturgy." This was followed in 1828 by the "Lives of the Apostles"; in 1830, by a Collection of Hymns, long and widely used in the Unitarian churches; in 1833, by the "History of King's Chapel"; in 1841, by a volume of "Sermons to Children"; and in 1842, by a volume of "Sermons of Consolation," which passed through several editions. Besides these, he printed numerous occasional sermons; and after his death two volumes of Sermons were selected from his manuscripts, and published, with a memoir by his friend and parishioner, the Hon. Samuel A. Eliot. A volume of selections from his miscellaneous essays was also published by his son in 1846. To the "North American Review" and other periodicals, he was a frequent contributor; he edited three volumes of the "Unitarian Miscellany"; and for about six years he was associated with the Rev. Dr. Walker as one of the editors of the "Christian Examiner," to which journal he contributed upward of fifty articles. He was also one of the first members of the Boston Society of Natural History, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 1839, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Harvard College.

Such an amount of intellectual activity added to the care of a parish would have been a heavy strain on a thoroughly sound man; and it is not surprising that he should have

suffered several times from renewed attacks of hemorrhage. In 1837, he was again compelled to relinquish his labors temporarily, and the spring of that year was spent in the island of Cuba. On his return, he resumed the care of his parish; but in the last week of May, 1842, after preaching at Salem, he had another attack of bleeding from the lungs which greatly reduced him. He never afterward spoke in public. He died on the 2d of August, 1843, at Dorchester, whither he had gone to pass the summer. His widow survived him more than a third of a century, and died on the 6th of April, 1878. His last surviving son, a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1845, died in 1847.

Dr. Greenwood was a good scholar, though not specially distinguished; and he was a graceful and polished writer. His manner in the pulpit was dignified and impressive, and his published sermons amply confirm the high estimate placed on his abilities as a preacher. To his sermons he gave his chief strength; and it was through them that he made his strongest impression on the community. This impression was deepened by the rare beauty of his personal character and by the entire harmony between his life and his teaching.

C. O. S.

### *Notice of Rev. Jonathan Homer, D.D.*

Jonathan Homer was the son of Michael Homer, of Boston, where he was born April 15, 1759.\* He was prepared for college in his native town, and is said to have been a school-mate of Sir Isaac Coffin, afterward Admiral in the British navy, with whom he maintained a friendly correspondence during life. He graduated from Harvard College in 1777, in the same class with William Bentley, afterward pastor of

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\* Dr. W. Jenks, in Sprague's "Annals" (II. 173), states his birthday as "in October, 1759." I follow the more exact, and therefore more probable, date given by Dr. Codman in the sermon preached at Dr. Homer's funeral service.

the Second Church in Salem, and James Freeman, who was the first pastor of King's Chapel under its new *régime*. No record appears of his theological studies; but he was invited to settle over the New North Church in his native place,—an invitation which he declined on account of his extreme conscientiousness in respect to the “Half-way Covenant” which was practised by that church.

He soon after received and accepted an invitation to become pastor of the ancient First Church in Newton, Massachusetts, and was there ordained Feb. 13, 1782, two months before completing his twenty-third year. Here he exercised a quiet and useful ministry for fifty-seven years, forty-five of which were without a colleague. In November, 1827, Rev. James Bates was settled as his associate, the joint pastorate being terminated by the dismissal of both in April, 1839. The senior ex-pastor lived in love and continued usefulness in the midst of his former flock, until he was released by death on the 11th of August, 1843, at the venerable age of eighty-four years, three months, and twenty-seven days,—it is stated being able to read to the last without the aid of spectacles.

As a professional man, the subject of this notice was distinguished rather for goodness than for greatness. He loved to preach, and to visit from house to house, and was indefatigable in all such labors. Pleasing in style and practical in tastes, he undertook no deep philosophy nor lofty speculation, being quite content, like Goldsmith's country parson, to allure to brighter worlds and lead the way. In his pastoral service he was greatly aided by the estimable and useful lady whom he married in his early ministry,—Miss Anna, daughter of Obadiah Curtis, Esq., of Boston, and a sister of the wife of Dr. James Freeman,—who went to her rest nearly twenty years before him. One son only was given to them, and he was taken from them in 1804, the year after his graduation at Cambridge.

In 1826, Brown University conferred upon the Newton pastor the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Homer had one specialty. About the year 1824, his mind was particularly turned toward the sources of the English rendering of the Scriptures, and he began to collect and collate the various versions. A kinsman resident in England aided him in gathering material, as also did his friend, Admiral Coffin, so that he was able, in the passage of years, to bring together a large and valuable collection of translations of the Bible into the vernacular.\* It was his purpose to publish a volume giving the results, but of this he failed. He preached two sermons, however, in Dedham, in 1835, on occasion of the ter-centennial anniversary of the first publication of the Scriptures in the mother-tongue, in which he embodied large results of his investigations. He also contributed a rapid review of the same subject to the supplemental volume of the "Comprehensive Commentary," edited by his friend, Dr. Jenks. As the result of his examination of the matter, he reached and thus announced the conclusion that, of thirty-three parts of the authorized version, thirty-two were compilations from pre-existent translations, one thirty-third part alone being the work of King James's scholars themselves.

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\* Among the Biblical treasures in Dr. Homer's library was the old Bible of Adam Winthrop, the father of the first Governor Winthrop, now belonging to their descendant, the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, the President of this Society. It was probably given to Dr. Homer by the late William Winthrop, of Cambridge. For a number of years, this Bible was counted as one of the rich Biblical treasures of the late George Livermore, of Cambridge, and since his death has been transferred to its present most fit depository. It is the quarto copy of King James's Bible; the Old Testament bears date 1614, and the New Testament, 1615. It is bound up with the Book of Common Prayer, printed in 1615; with the Genealogies recorded in Scripture, by John Speed, 1619; and with Sternhold and Hopkins's version of the Psalms, 1618. A careful list of the books of the Old and New Testaments is found on the reverse of the title-page, in the unmistakable hand of Adam Winthrop. In addition to the contents above mentioned, there are bound up with the book "Two Right Profitable and Fruitfull Concordances," by R. F. H[errey], bearing date 1619 and 1620. See *Life and Letters of John Winthrop*, Vol. I. pp. 53, 54. — Eds.



Dr. Homer was elected a member of this Society, April 30, 1799.

His publications were the following:—

1. The Character and Duties of a Christian Soldier. [The Artillery Election for 1790.] Boston, 1790. 8vo, pp. 22.
2. The Succession of Generations among Mankind, illustrated and improved. [A Century Sermon at Newton.] Dec. 25, 1791. Boston, 1792. 8vo, pp. 28.
3. The Mourner's Friend; or, Consolation and Advice to Christian Parents in the Death of Little Children. [A Sermon, Dec. 7, 1792.] Boston, 1793. 8vo, pp. 24.
4. Description and History of Newton, in the County of Middlesex. [In 1 Massachusetts Historical Collections, V. 253-280.] 8vo, pp. 28.
5. The Way of God Vindicated: a Sermon on the Death of his only Child, in 1804. Boston. 8vo.
6. A Sermon delivered in Newton, Oct. 13, 1816, on the Decease of Mr. Samuel Hammond, of Brookline. Dedham, 1817. 8vo, pp. 26.
7. A Sermon delivered before the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 1828. Boston. 8vo.
8. Sources of the Common English Bible. A Letter to Rev. W. Jenks, D.D., of date Feb. 23, 1838. [Published as Appendix A. (pp. 55, 56) to Part I. of the Supplement to the Comprehensive Commentary.] Brattleboro', Vermont, 1838. Small folio.

Of these, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are in the Society's Library.

H. M. D.

*Notice of Rev. Henry Ware, Jr. D.D.*

Henry Ware, Jr., was the fifth child and oldest son of the Rev. Henry and Mary (Clarke) Ware, and was born at Hingham, April 21, 1794. Much care appears to have been taken with his early education, and after studying in the schools of his native town he was placed successively under the tuition of the Rev. Dr. Allyn, of Duxbury, and of his cousin, Ashur Ware, afterward a distinguished jurist. The last year of his preparatory course was spent at Phillips Academy, Andover. In his fifteenth year, he entered Harvard College, and was graduated in the Class of 1812, his part at Commencement being a poem on "The Pursuit of Fame." After leaving college, he taught for two years as an

assistant in the Academy at Exeter, then under the charge of Dr. Benjamin Abbott; and in August, 1814, he returned to Cambridge to pursue a course of study in theology under the eye of his father. Even from a child, all his inclinations had pointed in this direction, and while at Exeter he had devoted considerable time to theological studies.

His first sermon was preached at West Cambridge in October, 1815; and subsequently he preached as a candidate in several places. But his early efforts do not appear to have produced a very favorable impression, and it was not until November, 1816, that he received an invitation to become permanently connected with any parish. Even then the invitation was not with entire unanimity, though sufficiently cordial to justify its acceptance; and on the 1st of January, 1817, he was ordained as pastor of the Second Church in Boston. He soon began to make his mark, to become endeared to his own parish, which rapidly grew in numbers and influence, and to take a leading part in every effort to elevate the moral and religious condition of the community. New plans of usefulness were devised by him and effectually carried out, especially a course of Sunday evening services for the poor, which subsequently gave place to the ministry at large, carried on for a time by the Rev. Dr. Tuckerman, and now under the charge of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches. From his childhood, however, his health had been delicate, and he was more than once compelled to seek rest from his public duties. In the summer of 1820, he became so seriously ill as to occasion much anxiety to his friends, and he was advised to take a horseback journey into the interior of the State, by which he was much benefited. In the beginning of 1826, his health again broke down and he was obliged to leave Boston in the middle of Anniversary Week (at that time a period of much greater interest than it now is), and did not return until the latter part of August, having in the mean time ridden nearly twelve hundred miles on

horseback. In the following winter his health was much better than usual, and he was able to accomplish a great amount of work. But two years later he had another severe attack, which again incapacitated him from labor, and virtually terminated his ministry, though the connection with his parish was not formally closed until October, 1830. So early, indeed, as December, 1828, he had tendered his resignation; but such was the affection with which he was regarded by the whole parish, that they declined to accept his resignation, and immediately selected a colleague "to assist him in the discharge of his duties, and share with him the burdens of his office."

Shortly after the completion of this arrangement, Mr. Ware received the appointment of Professor of Pulpit Eloquence, and the Pastoral Care, in the Divinity School at Cambridge, with leave of absence to travel in Europe for the benefit of his health; and he at once offered to resign his salary as senior minister of the Second Church. The offer was declined; and on the 1st of April, 1829, he sailed for England. During his absence, he visited England, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, and France; and he returned home in the latter part of August, 1830, apparently so far restored in health as to be equal to the discharge of the duties of his Professorship. But it was not thought advisable for him to retain his connection with his parish, and his resignation was accordingly again tendered, and was reluctantly accepted. Of his character as a Christian minister, the Rev. Dr. Ezra S. Gannett, who was not inclined to indulge in extravagant praise, said, after his death: "During the latter part of his ministry in this city, I suppose no other person possessed so entirely the confidence of our citizens. Always acceptable and highly esteemed as a preacher, yet his gifts in public discourse were not of that extraordinary kind which makes their possessor an idol or a sovereign with the people. His modes of life were unostentatious, and his personal manners

tinged with an appearance of abstraction and indifference. He did nothing to court popularity or secure the favorable regards of any class of people. Yet he was, beyond all doubt, at the time to which I refer, the one man in Boston on whom men of all parties and all denominations and all classes bestowed unqualified esteem."

In October, 1830, he removed to Cambridge, and there he remained in the diligent discharge of the duties of his Professorship, occasionally interrupted by severe illness, until the summer of 1842, when the state of his health compelled him to resign an office, the duties of which he could never hope again to discharge. He removed to Framingham for quiet and rest, and there he died on the 22d of September, 1843, worn out by the various and exacting labors to which he had given his whole body and mind, and by his long struggle with disease in various and complicated forms.

Mr. Ware contributed largely to the theological and religious literature of the time, and edited four volumes of the "Christian Disciple," beside writing much for its pages. He was also for a short time one of the editors of the "Christian Register"; and in the last months of his life he was engaged in making arrangements to become the editor of the "Christian Examiner," to which journal, as well as to the "North American Review," he was a frequent contributor. He had, too, a strong taste for poetry, and was fond of indulging his inclination for poetical composition. Many of his pieces have great merit, and some of his hymns still retain a place in the hymn-books. After his death, four volumes of selections from his published writings in prose and verse, and from his manuscript sermons, were issued under the editorial care of his successor, the Rev. Dr. Chandler Robbins.

He was elected a member of the Historical Society in January, 1822, and he was also a member or officer of many religious and philanthropic organizations. In 1834 he received

the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Harvard College.

He was twice married. His first wife, to whom he was married in October, 1817, was Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse, of Cambridge. She died on the 9th of February, 1824, leaving one son and one daughter; and in June, 1827, he was married again. His second wife, a woman of rare graces of character, was Mary Lovell, daughter of Mark Pickard, of Boston. She died in April, 1849.

C. C. S.

### *Notice of Samuel Pickering Gardner.*

Samuel Pickering Gardner, son of John Gardner, of Wenham, near Salem, Massachusetts, by his second wife, Elizabeth, sister of Colonel Timothy Pickering, was born in Salem May 14, 1767, and took his degree at Harvard in 1786.

Soon after leaving college, he engaged in commercial pursuits, first in Charleston, South Carolina, and afterward in Boston, where he married, Sept. 19, 1797, Rebecca Russell, daughter of Judge John Lowell.

Having acquired a competent fortune, Mr. Gardner retired from active business to devote himself to his family, his friends, and his books. Eminently just in all his dealings, considerate of the feelings of others, and courteous in the expression of decided opinions, his integrity and good sense early won for him the respect of the community in which he lived, but he had no ambition for the distinctions of public station. He preferred to occupy himself with the education of his children, the enjoyment of cultivated society, and the improvement of his mind. A man of various and exact information, a careful observer of the appearances and operations of the natural world, his zeal in the acquisition of knowledge knew no abatement to the very close of a long life.

He died, deeply regretted, in his seventy-seventh year, Dec. 18, 1843, in that fine old Vassall mansion in Summer Street, Boston, which, for nearly half a century, he had made the scene of a refined hospitality and the home of a prosperous and united family.

R. C. W., JR.

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### MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 30, 1844. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from I. P. Davis, Esq., Major J. D. Graham, the New York Historical Society, the American Philosophical Society, Robert Treat Paine, Esq., and the Trustees of the Boston Library.

Also, the following works left on deposit by Mr. Melvin Lord: "Songs of the Temple, 1834," "Columbian and European Harmony, 1802," and "History of the Tune of Old Hundred, 1844."

Mr. FELT, from the Committee on increased accommodations for the Library, stated that the Committee was not ready to report.

Mr. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, of Cambridge, was chosen Resident Member, *vice* Ichabod Tucker, Esq., resigned.

Major J. D. GRAHAM was chosen Honorary Member.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Committee on the designs of the French Government upon the New England Colonies, reported orally, in part.

The President, from the Committee on the subject of a half-century sermon, not being ready to report, further time was allowed for the purpose.

Mr. FELT proposed the following questions, under the Rules of April, 1844 : —

1. "On what authority is Governor Winthrop called the first Governor of New England?"
2. "On what authority do this Society vote with corn and beans together?"

Judge DAVIS presented a communication in relation to the history of the Winslow chair, which was read and placed on file.\*

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\* The following letter is on file : —

"MILTON PLACE, May 30th, 1844.

"DEAR SIR, — It seems to have been well understood that the venerable oaken chair, adopted by the Massachusetts Historical Society as their presidential chair, belonged to Governor Edward Winslow, one of the distinguished founders of the Old Colony, of precious memory. Being one day, not long since, in our apartment with the Librarian, Rev. Mr. Felt, I suggested to him a wish to be allowed to add a cushion to the chair, ornamented with a representation of Governor Winslow's appropriate device on his seal, — a pelican feeding its young, at the expense of its own blood. The intimation was so promptly and cordially embraced by Mr. Felt that I at once proceeded, with your understanding and approbation, to carry the design into execution. By the ready assistance of daughters and grand-daughters, descendants by the mother's side from Governor Winslow, I have the pleasure now to return the chair to its place, with a refreshed aspect, and with the suggested figures of the pelican and its young, worked into the cushion. The chair was delivered to an upholsterer (Mr. Wood) to be cleansed and varnished. When the crust with which it had become begrimed was removed, faint appearances of writing were perceived on the back, and this inscription was ascertained : —

" 'CHEAPSIDE, LONDON,  
1614.'

"I regret very much that I was not informed of this discovery before varnish was applied, but there can be no doubt of the existence of the inscription. Time seemed to have insured its victory, but we have rescued this seemingly devoted victim. There is now abundant confirmation of the correctness of the late Dr. Isaac Winslow's declarations respecting the history of this chair, as related by his children and grandchildren. It is gratifying to contemplate the present appropriate station of the valued relic. *Magna est canæ antiquitatis reverentia*, will its present respected and esteemed occupant say, with his friend and obedient servant,

"JOHN DAVIS.

"HON. JAMES SAVAGE,  
President of the Massachusetts Historical Society."

Eds.

*Voted*, That the President and Librarian be requested to have a permanent inscription placed on the Winslow chair.\*

*Voted*, That the Recording Secretary be directed to have the Rules adopted at the April meeting printed, and a copy thereof sent to each member.†

Present — The President, Blagden, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Hoar, Mitchell, Quincy, Ripley, White, and Worcester.

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#### MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 27, 1844. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr. F. C. GRAY officiated as Recording Secretary *pro tem*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian read a list of donations.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Rev. Lucius R. Paige, accepting his seat as a member.

The Committee on further accommodations for the Library made a report, which was accepted (see file); and thereby the Treasurer and Librarian were instructed to have a new partition put up, as recommended therein.‡

Judge Davis had leave to withdraw his letter, pre-

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\* See *ante*, p. 1, note \*. — Eds.

† Copies printed accordingly are on file. — Eds.

‡ The new partition divided the front room, and made a small room in the rear part of it, with only one window, for the storage of newspapers, &c., thereby furnishing also additional shelf-room for books. This arrangement continued until the Dowse Library was built in 1857, when other changes were made. — Eds.



sented at the last meeting, relating to the Winslow chair, that the same might be modified.

Mr. FELT read some remarks on the two questions proposed by him at the last meeting.\*

Mr. F. C. GRAY laid on the table, for the inspection of members, some colored engravings of the ancient tapestry of Bayeux, in France, representing the Norman conquest of England.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Bancroft, Chandler, J. Davis, Ellis, Felt, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Hoar, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Mitchell, Paige, Pierce, Winthrop, and Young.

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### MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 25, 1844. The President in the chair. The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated by the Librarian from Chief-Justice Durfee, of Rhode Island, James G. Hovey, Solomon Lincoln, and William G. Goddard, Esqrs.

MESSRS. GREENLEAF, F. C. GRAY, and I. P. DAVIS were appointed a committee to consider the subject of repairing the paintings belonging to the Society, and to report thereupon.

The President, to whom was referred, at the last February meeting, the letter without subscription, directed to the first Judge Sewall, relating to Dr. Cotton Mather, communicated at length the results of his in-

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\* These remarks are not on file. — Eds.

vestigations, which were read by him, and placed on file.\*

Mr. Joshua Coffin, in the discretion and under the direction of the Librarian, has leave to take the portrait of Dr. John Clarke for one week, for the purpose of having a lithograph of the same for his "History of Newbury" &c., now in progress.†

Messrs. FELT and MITCHELL were authorized and directed to provide shelves in the new apartment, and cause the books to be removed thereto.

Present — The President, Chandler, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Greenleaf, Hillard, Hoar, Jenks, Paige, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

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\* The paper is printed in 4 Collections, II. 122-129. — Eds.

† See a note on this picture at p. 480 of Vol. I. of these Proceedings. Since that note was written, we have received a letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Howard Bartol, of this city (sister of Dr. John Clark Howard, who presented the picture to the society), in which she says: "I am sorry I cannot furnish you with any farther information with regard to the portrait of Dr. Clark than the following. The picture was an heirloom in our family, and came down to us as the likeness of Dr. John Clark, 'who received his diploma in England, and was the first physician in this country who performed the surgical operation of trepanning the skull.' These items are all that I remember, and these are firmly fixed in my mind in connection with our ancestor. My brother, Dr. John Clark Howard, was said to be the fifth lineal descendant of the name and profession."

The picture represents a rather aged man, wearing a skull-cap, his left hand resting upon a human skull which lies upon a table in front of him, while in his right he holds a surgical instrument with which he is apparently in the act of performing some operation upon it.

Mr. Coffin, who had a lithographic copy of the picture made for his History of Newbury, had the following inscription placed upon the copy: "Dr. John Clarke, physician in Newbury, Massachusetts, from 1637 to 1651. Died in Boston, 1664, aged sixty-six." Dr. Thacher, in his "American Medical Biography," who has a rude engraving of the picture, at p. 222, assigns it to Dr. John Clark, of Boston, of whom he gives a biography, with brief notices of his descendants. He does not speak of his previous residence at Newbury. He mentions his will, of which a copy may be seen in the Historical and Genealogical Register, XIII. 14, 15. — Eds.

## MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 27, 1844. At a meeting of the Society, held this day,—in the absence of the President and Recording Secretary, Rev. Mr. BLAGDEN was chosen President *pro tem.*, and Rev. Mr. FELT, Secretary *pro tem.*

*Voted*, To dispense with the usual business, and to adjourn to Friday next, 30th instant.

Present — Blagden, Felt, and Paige.

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## ADJOURNED MEETING.

Friday, Aug. 30, 1844. Met pursuant to adjournment,—the President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mrs. Sarah Hood, D. Appleton & Co., James D. Graham, Esq., Mr. George Hood, Hon. J. Q. Adams, and Hon. Judge Davis.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting on the subject of repairing the portraits presented their report, which was read and accepted, and the Committee were authorized to proceed in pursuance thereof.\*

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\* The following is the report of the Committee : —

“MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

“The Committee appointed at the July meeting to consider the subject of repairing the pictures belonging to the Society, and to report thereon, beg

Mr. SAVAGE, from the Committee on the subject, appointed at the last March meeting, on the expediency of celebrating the termination of the first half-century of the incorporation of the Society, in which the progress of the Society should be exhibited, with notices of its deceased members, reported that it is expedient to have an address delivered at the stated monthly meeting in October next, &c.; and that, at the next meeting, a committee of five members be raised to make arrangements for the place, hour, and manner of proceeding on the last Thursday of October next.

The report having been read and accepted, the Rev. Dr. PALFREY was chosen to deliver the address.

Mr. Bancroft nominated Robert Lemon, Esq., of London, for Corresponding Member.

*Voted*, To grant for the term of six months the request of J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., for the use of the Library.

Judge DAVIS, from the First Section, made a communication in relation to the will of the Indian Pau-

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leave to report. That they have caused the pictures to be examined by Mr. Chase, the artist who cleaned and prepared for exhibition Mr. Allston's painting of Belshazzar's Feast, and he has designated thirteen of them as particularly requiring to be cleaned and repaired, and worthy of being so. These are the portraits of John Wilson, Dummer (by Sir Godfrey Kneller), Faneuil, Hutchinson, James Allen, Sheriff Allen, Bishop Berkeley, Increase Mather, Wentworth, Belcher, Washington, Lafayette, Columbus. He offers to put all these in perfect order, removing two or three at a time for that purpose, for the sum of one hundred and ten dollars. Believing him to be a competent artist, and considering the price he asks moderate, the Committee recommend that his proposal be accepted, if the state of the Treasury permit.

"For the Committee,

SIMON GREENLEAF, *Chairman*.

"Aug. 10, 1844."

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mahtukquasuk, in 1673, together with a donation of a copy of the will.\*

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\* The following is the letter of Judge Davis, to which is annexed the Indian will. The accented letters in the will were, no doubt, made by Judge Davis or his brother, Samuel Davis, — probably by the former : —

“NEWTON, 29th Aug., 1844.

“DEAR SIR, — I send, as my contribution for table talk to-morrow, at the meeting of the Historical Society, a copy of Paumahtukquasuk’s will, which I received from my brother Samuel, and which I find among a budget of old papers hastily put into my trunk to occupy a rainy day in the country. I hope you will read it (if it is to be read) ; and the whole furnishes a good exercise in attempts at Indian pronunciation, which I wish we could recover. We have it, I suppose, pretty correctly in some familiar words, — as Massachusetts, Win-nasimmet, Assawòmmset. We are apt to assume diphthongs, I imagine, where they did not exist. Mr. Prince is doubtless correct in his critique on the name of the renowned sachem, Mas-sa-so-it, — not *soit*, as a diphthong ; the accent on the fourth [third ?] syllable, sò-it. This penultimate accent seems to have very much prevailed.

“Yours truly,

J. DAVIS.

“P. S. We find by this paper whom John Sausumin married. The orthography, according to what is above suggested, would give Sa-u-sù-min. We say *Sausaman*, — *ideo quære*.

“WILL OF PAUMAHTUKQUASUK, 1673, COPIED FROM THE PROBATE RECORDS  
OF PLYMOUTH COLONY.

“I, Paumahtukquasuk, of Assowòmmset, being old and near my end, and weak of body, but my understanding remaining with me ; and being willing to settle my estate of land according to my mind, I being rightfully possessed of lands by my father’s gift. — My father’s name was Saukasquòit, and he had three sons, — the eldest his name was Wunanamopaine, the second son is myself, the youngest his name was Wutishpòhgun. Wonanamopaine had but one daughter. Her name was Assaweetàu, who became John Sausumin’s wife. She deceased, and left but one daughter also. Her name was Nanooswanum. Her English name is Bettee, yet surviving. And all Assowòmmset, to the known boundaries thereof, were said Bettee’s and mine own. These bounds are as followeth. Beginning at Pachasett River, called Pachasett, to another bound called Wuñupagut thow panupagut, to another Matchepukgunnup-pònset, by a round rock, to another bound Mishnepettuut, to another called Panhòmmuk, to Ohkakqùsitt, to another Metukpogkottimis, or white oak ; another bound called Quampakasett, to Wadchu mishpakatamesett, to another called Mamatahtùkquat wompaniyeu, eastward Wasasketuwen, and to another called Wawohtupakaàset nupisupàog, or ponds joined together, goes farther also, and comes to the first-mentioned river, — Pachasett River. The full half of said Assowòmmset, so bounded, I do freely of my own mind give unto my cousin Nanooswanum, *alias* Bettee Sausùman, for her and her heirs to have

Messrs. F. C. GRAY, FELT, and C. F. ADAMS were appointed a committee to make provision for a course of lectures the coming season, and to report at the next meeting.

Present — The President, J. Q. Adams, Bancroft, Blagden, I. P. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, White, Willard, and Winthrop.

forever, and to all them Indians that belongeth to Assowòmssett, that pray to God, or shall pray to God, that such Indians may live together and serve God, and not be molested. For my said cousin, her heirs, and all those Indians that pray to God, or shall pray to God, for all them successively from generation to generation, to the end of the world, all said land I give them, upon this condition, — that neither my said cousin, nor her heirs, nor none of the heirs of those Indians that I have by this my will given my land to, shall not give or sell any part of said land to any person or persons whatsoever. And this is my own mind, to entail my said land, as above-said, to the end said land so given may for ever remain for said Indians for ever, accord[ing] to the true meaning of this my will, which is my last will. In witness whereof, I set to my hand this last of August, one thousand six hundred seventy and three.

“I, PAUMAHTUKQUASUK.

“In the presence of these witnesses.

CHARLES, his mark ○

KOHTOMÀSITT, his X

“John Dickseller is one of the witnesses, took oath that to the above-written will said Paumahtukquasuk signed, and gave as his last will, before me,

“THO. TUPPER.

WUSSITTUMWAENIN.

“NOTES [BY SAMUEL DAVIS].

“The same year of the date of this will; viz., the year 1673, is also the date of the Sixteen shilling Purchase (seventy-two proprietors gave sixteen shillings each, hence the name of the purchase), so termed in the Old Colony Records, which comprises the east part of Middleberry and the contiguous parts of Rochester and Carver. For the security of this purchase in peace, it appears that in 1675, Wutishpòhgun and his son William mortgaged Assowòmssett Neck to the proprietors of Middleberry. This neck therefore became forfeited to the purchasers by the events of Philip's War, — Wutishpòhgun having become on that occasion the ally of Philip, and the enemy of the colonists.

“MEMORANDUM [BY JUDGE DAVIS].

“*Sausumin*. — There were so often occasions, both with Indians and English, to pronounce this word, that I presume we sound it correctly. Still there were no diphthongs. The *au* was only employed to express the broad sound of *a*, as in *all*.” — EDS.

## MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 26, 1844. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Government of the United States, the Danish Society of Northern Antiquaries, Professor Hiort, of Germany, John B. Trott, Esq., Hon. R. C. Winthrop, and Professor Greenleaf.

ROBERT LEMON, Esq., was chosen Corresponding Member.

MESSRS. I. P. DAVIS, F. C. GRAY, YOUNG, C. F. ADAMS, and MINOT were appointed on the Committee to make arrangements for the place, hour, and manner of proceeding in the celebration, on the last Thursday of October next, of the termination of the first half-century of the incorporation of the Society.

Mr. F. C. Gray was excused, at his own request, from serving on the Committee on Lectures, and Mr. I. P. DAVIS was chosen in his stead; and it was

*Voted*, That the Committee consider the expediency of having a course of lectures the ensuing season, with full power, if they decide in favor thereof, of making all the necessary arrangements to carry the same into effect.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Committee on the subject, reported progress in the repairs of the portraits belonging to the Society.

The President communicated from the Treasurer a letter from Dr. John Ware, relating to the assessments due to the Society from the estate of their late associ-

ate, Rev. Henry Ware, Jr., D.D., deceased. Whereupon,

*Voted*, That the said assessments be remitted, and that the Treasurer communicate a copy of this vote to the representatives of the deceased.

Dr. JENKS, from the Second Section, communicated a full account of the family of "Jenks, of Lynn." \*

Dr. PIERCE, from the same section, communicated a list of the preachers of the sermons at the General Elections in Massachusetts, so far as printed, with the years when preached, and designating those of which he possesses copies.†

\* This communication, of seven pages, is on file. It is entitled "Copy of a Letter to Alonzo Lewis, Esq., of Lynn, intended for insertion in the second edition of his History of that town." It does not appear to have been used by Mr. Lewis as intended; but it was published in the *Historical and Genealogical Register* for July, 1855. — Eds.

† The following communication is on file: —

"MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

"It has been the aim of the subscriber, from an early period of his ministry, to collect the printed sermons delivered at the General Election of Massachusetts, which, as fast as procured, are bound in decades.

"The first printed General Election Sermon which he has ascertained, was by John Norton, of Boston, in 1661.

"Assuming that this was the first printed General Election Sermon, and that all were printed to the end of the century, there were forty in the seventeenth century. Of these, the subscriber possesses thirteen, by the following preachers, in the following years: —

- "1663. John Higginson, Salem.
- 1667. Jonathan Mitchel, Cambridge.
- 1668. William Stoughton, Dorchester.
- 1670. Samuel Danforth, Roxbury.
- 1672. Thomas Shepard, Charlestown.
- 1674. Samuel Torrey, Weymouth.
- 1676. William Hubbard, Ipswich.
- 1679. James Allen, Boston.
- 1682. Samuel Willard, Boston.
- 1683. Samuel Torrey, Weymouth.
- 1685. William Adams, Dedham.



Dr. PALFREY, from the same section, read several letters from his grandfather, the late William Palfrey, Esq., to John Wilkes, in relation to the "Boston Massacre," the "Trial of Captain Preston," and the "Character of Governor Hutchinson." \*

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, I. P. Davis, Felt, Frothingham, F. C. Gray, Hillard, Jenks, Minot, Palfrey, Pierce, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

1690. Cotton Mather, Boston.

1698. Nicholas Noyes, Salem.

"He possesses all published in the eighteenth century but four, viz. : —

" 1711. Peter Thacher, Milton.

1713. Samuel Treat, Eastham.

1715. Jeremiah Shepard, Lynn.

1717. Roland Cotton, Sandwich.

"He has forty-four, all of the nineteenth century, thus far. He has accordingly every Election Sermon which has been published for the last one hundred and twenty-seven years.

"No sermon was preached in 1752 and 1764, on account of the small-pox in Boston.

"In the decade between 1770 and 1780 are included, in the volume, two sermons before the General Court, by Dr. Gordon, on 19th July, 1775, and 4th July, 1777; as also the sermon of Dr. Cooper, on the commencement of our present State Constitution, delivered 25th October, 1780.

"From this account it appears that the subscriber possesses all the General Election Sermons of the nineteenth century, thus far, amounting to forty-four; all of the eighteenth century but four; and of the forty Election Sermons, supposed to have been published in the seventeenth century, he possesses thirteen, — all but twenty-seven; so that his deficiencies are thirty-one sermons, and his supplies, one hundred and fifty-eight.

"From the Election Sermons procured, he has already thirteen bound volumes, in decades.

"If any one will aid in supplying the above-noted defects, the favor will be gratefully acknowledged by a devoted fellow-laborer in the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"JOHN PIERCE.

"BROOKLINE, 26th September, 1844."

These sermons are now in this Society's Library, having been given or bequeathed to it by Dr. Pierce. — Eds.

\* Extracts from these letters may be found in Dr. Palfrey's *Life of William Palfrey*, in Sparks's *American Biography*, new series, Vol. VII. — Eds.

## MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 31, 1844. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Edward Jarvis, Judge White, and from l'Institut Historique and l'Académie de l'Industrie, of Paris.

The President communicated a letter from Josiah Quincy, Jr., in behalf of the Boston Athenæum, for the purchase of the right of the Society in the room over the Savings Bank, which communication was referred to the President, Messrs. F. C. GRAY and HILLARD, to be reported upon at the next meeting.\*

The President also communicated a letter of invitation from the New York Historical Society to attend their anniversary celebration, at the city of New York, on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1844, at 5 P.M.†

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\* A committee of the Boston Athenæum, then located in Pearl Street, of which Mr. Quincy was Chairman, had, in May preceding, in view of enlarging its accommodations, purchased a lot of land almost immediately adjoining the Savings Bank and Historical Society, extending from Tremont Street to Court Square, and arrangements for building on that spot were very nearly consummated. In their wish to secure the additional purchase of the Savings Bank lot, which adjoined the burial-ground, with its ample light and air, they seem not to have succeeded. After spending nearly a year in attempting to perfect their plans for a suitable edifice, another site was suggested for the Athenæum on Beacon Street, which, in December, 1845, was purchased, and the Tremont Street property was sold.

It will be remembered that there had been, some ten years previously, a proposition to this Society from the Boston Athenæum to unite with that association, the American Academy, and the Medical Society in the erection of a building for their joint occupancy. See Proceedings, I. 384-386. — Eds.

† This was the fortieth anniversary of the New York Historical Society. The Address on the occasion was delivered by John Romeyn Brodhead. — Eds.

*Voted*, To accept the invitation, and that a delegation of five gentlemen be appointed to attend the celebration, in behalf of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Whereupon, Hon. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, Hon. LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, Rev. JOHN CODMAN, D.D., Rev. GEORGE E. ELLIS, and Rev. ALEXANDER YOUNG were appointed Delegates for the purpose.

*Voted*, That any other members of the Society who may be in New York on that day be requested to attend the celebration, as if specially appointed in that behalf; and that the Recording Secretary be directed to fill up any vacancies that may occur in the delegation.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS communicated a donation by several gentlemen, whose names are to be given at the next meeting, of a portrait of the late Governor Gore, painted by Trumbull.

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Committee on repairing portraits, stated that the portraits of Increase Mather and Jeremy Dummer had been repaired and returned to the rooms.

Mr. SAVAGE, from the Third Section, read and placed on file a copy of a letter from Elisha Hutchinson, dated "London, Feb. 1, 1693," in relation to Sir William Phipps's salary as Governor, &c., together with notes and comments upon the letter.\*

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\* This letter, — that is, the copy, — communicated by Mr. Savage, with his notes appended, was not found "on file" among the Society's papers, but among Mr. Savage's own papers, presented to the Society since his death. It bears the Recording Secretary's label mark upon it, as having been filed. It had probably been subsequently withdrawn by Mr. Savage. In printing the letter, the spelling has been modernized.

*"Copy of a Letter from Elisha Hutchinson.*

*"'LONDON, Feb. 1, 1693.*

*"'SIR, — I am well assured of your prudence: your love to your country, and kindness to me makes me confident mine shall not be exposed to my prejudice.*

Present — The President, J. Q. Adams, Appleton, Blagden, Chandler, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis,

I was with Sir H.<sup>1</sup> on Saturday last, with three other persons then present. He told us that Sir W.<sup>2</sup> had written by Mr. Jackson<sup>3</sup> to pray His Majesty to settle £1,000 per annum on the Governor; but he had prevented the delivery of that letter, telling him, if he did deliver it, he would not appear for N. E.<sup>4</sup> nor for the Governor again. I gave him an account of what I knew to be a reason why no settlement was made for the Governor, which gave him satisfaction. He saith he hears the country hath given the Governor little or nothing for his service. I also told him what was done before I came away. He saith the want of a fund of money here, to carry on our business, is the great obstruction to all our affairs. He hoped a body of laws, suitable for us, would have been sent him, which, with money he could have got established to have backed the Charter, but saith none came to him. Those that were sent came to another hand, and those givings that were ordered to — are not thought worth taking notice of; nor did Sir H.<sup>1</sup> know any thing of it until, about a week since, the person that delivered them acquainted him with it. The knowledge of it he will improve as far as he can, which will be but little. The person joined with him in commission<sup>5</sup> is not to his satisfaction, being of a contrary judgment and interest to the highest degree. He then told our old friend, Mr. S. M.,<sup>6</sup> he heartily wished him in the room of the other, and saith the former can be of no service, only a counsel to plead, which any man may be procured to do for money. It is said the agent of Antego is allowed £200 per annum, and hath at all times £600 or £700 at command for their service, which, when he draws off any part, gives an account of for what it is. Though we are poor and at great charge, it's pity we have not something in that kind to gratify those that do us service, but are always liable to lose the hog for lack of a halfpenny worth of tar.<sup>7</sup> Sir W.<sup>2</sup> has constituted Mr. B. J.<sup>8</sup> his agent (as he tells me) to act on his behalf, and make answer for him; and, when he appeared to speak, I am told he was accused for being a party, and so put to a total silence. Sir, I hope that, notwithstanding all the endeavors of our adversaries, we shall have no change yet; for, if we should, it will certainly be for the worse. You may communicate this to my namesakes, or where it may do service, and not hurt.

Sir, your faithful friend,

“ELISHA HUTCHINSON.”

[MR. SAVAGE'S NOTES.]

“In the margin is written by the same hand, in one line, ‘Mr. D.<sup>8</sup> tells Sir H.<sup>1</sup> that W. S.,<sup>9</sup> Esq., and most of the people are for him to be G.’<sup>10</sup>

“We may regret that, as only a half-sheet, on which the foregoing was written, is now preserved, the superscription must be conjectural. As the writer, however, had been an assistant chosen under the old Charter, and was named (in the Charter of William and Mary) to be one of the first Council, which was procured by Increase Mather, it is confidently presumed that this letter was addressed to him. Hutchinson belonged to his church and followed the same politics.

“The subject is the unfortunate situation of Sir William Phipps, our

N. M. Davis, Ellis, Felt, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Hillard, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Lunt, Minot, Mitchell, Paige, Palfrey, Pierce, Quincy, Saltonstall, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

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### MONTHLY MEETING.

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1844. At a meeting of the members of the Massachusetts Historical Society, called by order of the Standing Committee for this day, the annual Thanksgiving falling on the day of the stated meeting, — the President in the chair.

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Governor, against whom complaints had been preferred. Of this, abundant information is given in Hutchinson, I. 307 and II. 75–85.

“Of most of the initials or abbreviations, the explication is easy, —

1 “Sir Henry Ashurst, one of the oldest friends of New England, and now agent, with an associate, of the Province of Massachusetts.

2 “Sir William Phipps, the first Royal Governor under the Charter, against whom complaints had been made to the Court.

3 “Benjamin Jackson, whom Sir William, by a disputed exercise of authority, had named his deputy to act as naval officer here. He was charged as accessory in the indecent assault made by the Governor upon Brenton, the king’s collector in Boston.

4 “New England.

5 “The joint agent was Sir Constantine Phipps, a distinguished lawyer, soon after Chancellor in Ireland. Perhaps his family name, though he was of the High Church party, recommended him to the friends of our Governor. No relationship existed. This celebrated agent of Massachusetts was great-grandfather of Constantine Phipps, Lord Mulgrave, who gained so great credit in the expedition towards the North Pole, in which Horatio Nelson acquired his first experience on the ocean.

6 “All inquiry and conjecture about this gentleman, whom Ashurst would have preferred for his colleague, are baffled. Probably he was a London merchant in the dissenting interest.

7 “Is not this proverb of losing the hog for want of tar, *i.e.*, to mark him, new to most of us.

8 “Joseph Dudley.

9 “William Stoughton.

10 “Governor.”

EDS.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mr. Lilly Eaton and Francis Bowen, Esq.

The Treasurer having communicated to the Society his intention of being absent from Boston during the winter, Mr. CHANDLER was unanimously chosen Assistant Treasurer.

The President, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting on the proposition made in behalf of the Boston Athenæum for the purchase of the Society's right in the rooms now occupied by the Society, introduced a detailed report, which, having been read, was ordered to be laid upon the table, for further consideration, until the next meeting.\*

Mr. F. C. GRAY, from the Committee appointed at a previous meeting to take measures for procuring copies of documents relating to this country from the public offices in Paris, made a report thereupon, which, being read, it was, after some discussion,

*Voted*, To refer the whole subject to Messrs. Quincy, Sparks, and F. C. Gray.

On motion of Mr. SPARKS,

*Voted*, That Mr. Benjamin P. Poore be appointed an agent of the Society, for procuring, in the public offices and other depositories of manuscripts in France, copies of such papers as may serve to illustrate the history of New England, and the relations which formerly existed between New England and the French Provinces in America; and that the President be requested to inform Mr. Poore of his appointment.†

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\* This report is not on file. — Eds.

† Mr. Poore had been studying law in Paris, intending to practise in New Orleans, when he made the acquaintance of Mr. J. R. Brodhead, then engaged in Paris as Historical Agent for the State of New York. Mr. Brodhead wished to

A letter from Mr. Charles Whittlesey, Corresponding Secretary of the Cincinnati Historical Society, inquiring for books relating to the West, addressed to Judge Davis, was by him communicated to the Society, and it was

*Voted*, To refer the same for answer to the Librarian.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter from Mrs. A. D. Perkins, of Boston, claiming a return of the portrait of Jeremy Dummer, alleged to have been deposited in her name by Mr. Jonathan Mason, in the Society's rooms. Whereupon,

*Voted*, To refer the subject to the Recording Secretary, with directions to ascertain from the records the facts in the case, and, if they coincide with the suggestions of Mrs. Perkins, to return the portrait to her.

Mr. Bancroft nominated Thomas C. Grattan, Esq., British Consul, Boston, for Corresponding Member.

Present — The President, Appleton, Bancroft, Chandler, J. Davis, Felt, F. C. Gray, Hillard, Lowell, Minot, Palfrey, Quincy, Shaw, Sparks, and Willard.

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visit Italy, and Mr. Poore carried on his work while he was gone. Just before Mr. Brodhead left for Rome, he received a letter from Mr. Sparks, asking that search might be made for some papers concerning La Salle, and he turned that commission over to Mr. Poore also. Obtaining these papers for Mr. Sparks, Mr. Poore opened a correspondence with him, and when, while copying the New York papers, he found any concerning Massachusetts, he brought them to the notice of Mr. Sparks. That gentleman warmly interested himself in Mr. Poore's proposal to procure them: first, in behalf of the Historical Society; and, finally, as will be seen, for the State. — EDS.

## MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 26, 1844, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Rev. R. M. Hodges, Rev. E. Pratt, the Government of the United States, the New York Agricultural Convention, the Maryland Historical Society, Messrs. Appleton, of New York, and Messrs. Savage, Paige, and Winthrop, of the Society.

*Voted*, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Dr. Palfrey for his discourse before its members at the termination of the first half-century from its incorporation, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.\*

The report of the Committee on the proposition of the Boston Athenæum, which was laid upon the table at the last meeting, was taken up for consideration; and, after some discussion and several motions, it was, on motion of Mr. TICKNOR,

*Voted*, That the same Committee be requested to report to this Society such terms of purchase and accommodation as may be received by them from the Boston Athenæum, under the proposition submitted by Josiah Quincy, Jr., Oct. 25, 1844, on behalf of said Athenæum; and that the report of the Committee shall not be acted upon at the meeting to which it is made, but shall be laid over until the next following meeting.†

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\* It was printed in 3 Collections, IX. 165-188. — Eds.

† Mr. Quincy, in his letter referred to, said that the Athenæum would be willing to pay the Society a sum outright, or to furnish other rooms on equitable terms in their new building. The records of the Society are silent as to any further action of the Committee on this subject.

Persons not familiar with the early history of the Boston Athenæum may



Mr. Snelling, through the President, communicated his resignation of membership; and the Standing Committee nominated in his place Hon. Solomon Lincoln, of Hingham.

The Committee on the subject of procuring copies of public documents from the French Archives, made a report, which was read and accepted, and it was thereupon

*Voted*, That the same gentlemen, Messrs. Quincy, Gray, and Sparks, be a committee to prepare and present to the General Court, at its next session, a memorial recommending further action by that body on this subject.

On behalf of Professor Sparks, who was absent, the President nominated for Corresponding Member, Don Pedro de Angelis, of Buenos Ayres. Mr. Young nominated for Corresponding Member, John Romeyn Brodhead, Esq., of New York.

The Recording Secretary, in pursuance of the vote at the last meeting, reported that it appears by the Donation Book, and also by the statement of Mr. Jonathan Mason, through whose instrumentality the portrait of Jeremy Dummer was obtained, that this portrait is the property of Mrs. Perkins, and he has therefore given to her an order on the Librarian for its delivery.

*Voted*, That the Society hereby confirms the doings of the last meeting.

THOMAS C. GRATTAN, Esq., Her British Majesty's Consul, now resident at Boston, was elected a Corresponding Member.

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not be aware that, from March, 1809, to June, 1822, when they removed to Pearl Street, they occupied a building on Tremont Street, standing where the Historical Society's building now stands. — EDS.

Present — The President, Appleton, Bancroft, Bartlett, Blagden, Chandler, Codman, J. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Frothingham, Jenks, Lowell, Lunt, Paige, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young.

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MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1845.

Thursday, Jan. 30, 1845, 12 M. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated by the Librarian from Rev. John L. Sibley, Francis Bowen, John Low, Darius Chase, the American Philosophical Society, Heirs of the late Professor McKean, Mr. Hazard, Rev. Charles M. F. Deering, and from Messrs. Winthrop and Young, of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary announced that Mr. Grattan accepted his election as Corresponding Member.

Hon. SOLOMON LINCOLN, of Hingham, was chosen a Resident Member, *vice* Mr. Snelling, resigned; and DON PEDRO DE ANGELIS, of Buenos Ayres, and JOHN ROMEYN BRODHEAD, Esq., of New York, were elected Corresponding Members.

*Voted*, That the Librarian be requested to have twenty-five copies of the Society's diploma printed. Also, that he be directed, as soon as may be, to cause the books in the Library not already catalogued to be entered upon the Catalogue.

*Voted*, That a copy of the last volume of the Society's Collections be sent to the Historical Society of Maryland, and also one to the Historical Society of North Carolina.